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Applicant(s): Barry H. Schwab et al.

Invention: VIDEO INPUT SWITCH AND SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Schwab et al

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For: VIDEO INPUT SWITCHING AND SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECISION ON APPEAL**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed September 7, 2010, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. – 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method of automatically changing from a first TV program to an alternate TV program at a TV viewer location, comprising the steps of:

entering, at the viewer location, information regarding a viewing preference;

transmitting a TV program from a source to a viewer location;

receiving the TV program at the viewer location over a first TV channel, the TV program including a pointer to an alternate TV channel providing an alternate TV program with subject matter directly related to the TV program; and

automatically switching the TV program to the alternate TV program using the pointer and the information previously entered by the viewer without requiring any additional viewer intervention at the time of the switching.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the TV program is a cable TV program.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the TV program is an audio/video program transmitted in digital form.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of entering the information at the viewer location includes using a hand-held remote-control unit.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of entering the information at the viewer location includes using an on-screen programming technique.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of entering the information at the viewer location includes downloading the information from a computer.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the pointer is transmitted continuously with the TV program.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the pointer is transmitted at the initiation of the TV program.

26. – 40. (Canceled)

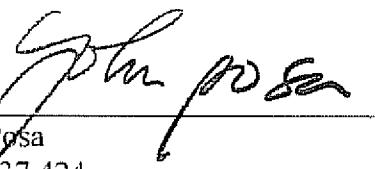
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**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-17 and 26-40. As stated in the September 7, 2010 Decision on Appeal from The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the rejection of claims 18-25 has been reversed.

Applicant believes claims 18-25 are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney at the telephone or facsimile numbers provided below. .

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